

# CALNE RURAL DISTRICT.

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## Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1923.

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This report is compiled in accordance with the instructions laid down by the Minister of Health as to its contents and arrangement.

### I.—General Statistics.

AREA (acres)	28,968
POPULATION 1921— <i>a.</i> Census Return	4,640
<i>b.</i> for Statistical calculations	4,682
Number of Inhabited Houses (1921)	1,156
Number of families, separate occupiers	1,137
RATEABLE VALUE	£48,820
Sum represented by a 1d. Rate	£203

BIRTHS—	Males	Females	
Legitimate	32	49	
Illegitimate	0	3	
	—	—	Total 84

Birth Rate (R.G.) is per 1000 inhabitants 17.9

DEATHS—	Males	Females	
	26	27	Total 53

Death Rate (R.G.) is per 1000 inhabitants 11.3.

Number of Women dying in	from Sepsis	1
consequence of childbirth	from other causes	0

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age per 1000 births		
Legitimate	0	Illegitimate 0 Total 0

There were no deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough or Diarrhœa (under 2 years).

There was no unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment.

### III.—Notifiable Diseases during the year.

	Under 2	Under 3	Under 5	Under 10	Under 15	Under 20	Under 35	Under 45	Under 65	Total	Sent to Hospital
Diphtheria ...										0	0
Scarlet Fever ...		1		10	6	2	1			20	20
Enteric Fever (includ- ing Paratyphoid)										0	0
Puerperal Fever ...							1			1	0
Pneumonia ...					1				1	2	0
Malaria ...							1			1	0

There was no death from Infectious Diseases.

Chicken Pox was made locally and temporarily notifiable, and certain cases were visited by the M.O.H. for verification.

Tuberculosis—

	Under 15	Under 20	Under 35	Under 45	Under 65	Total
<i>a.</i> Pulmonary—						
Male ...			2	2	1	} 8
Female ...	1	1			1	
<i>b.</i> Non-Pulmonary ...						
Male ...						
Female ...		1				1

There were no Tuberculosis deaths which had not been previously notified. Notification is very efficient and no action has been taken or required to enforce it.

#### **IV.—Causes of Sickness.**

There have been no causes of sickness during the year which calls for special comment.

#### **V.—Summary of Nursing Arrangements, Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District.**

Professional nursing in the Home—

*a.* General. Only part of the district has a nurse who can be called upon. This nurse also acts as a midwife and is maintained partly by her fees and partly privately.

*b.* For infectious cases of measles, &c., no special arrangements is at present in force.

Midwives—

Two midwives practice in the district. They are both self supporting and not subscribed by either Local or County Authorities.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.—None.

Hospitals—Provided or subscribed by Local Authority or County Council—

1. Tuberculosis.—None.
2. Maternity.—None.
3. Fever.—The Calne Joint Isolation Hospital.
4. Small Pox.—Accommodation for the treatment and isolation of Small Pox cases is provided by the County Council at Swindon.
5. Others.—None.

There is no institutioned provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children except in the Calne Union Workhouse.

## AMBULANCE FACILITIES—

- a.* Infectious cases are removed to the Isolation Hospital in an ambulance which is kept there.
- b.* Sickness and Accident cases can be removed to Hospital in an ambulance which is run jointly for the benefit of Calne and Chippenham. It is kept at Chippenham.

## VI.—Laboratory Work.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations required for the elucidation of Infectious Diseases are made by the Pathological Laboratory at Bristol University and are paid for by the Local Authority.

Anti-Diphtheria Serum is provided by the Local Authority when required.

## LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYE-LAWS AND LOCAL REGULATIONS—

There are no Adoptive Acts.

Bye-laws as regards New Streets and Buildings adopted for the contributory place of Calne on June 10th, 1891.

## VII.—Sanitary Administration.

### WORK DONE BY SANITARY INSPECTOR :—

<i>a.</i> Informal notices for the abatement of nuisances issued and complied with	...	21
<i>b.</i> Informal notices for insanitary closets issued and complied with	... ..	7
<i>c.</i> Cases of dirty houses inspected and dealt with	... ..	0
<i>d.</i> Cases of overcrowding dealt with	...	2
<i>e.</i> Elementary and other Schools inspected		12

## WATER—

There was no shortage of water anywhere.



## INSPECTION OF PLACES WHERE FOOD IS OBTAINED—

There are no Slaughter Houses.

All the Bakehouses are regularly inspected.

## DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION—

The arrangements are that all houses which require disinfection or disinfestation are done at the cost of the Local Authority by the Sanitary Inspector.

Clothes and other infected material are disinfected at the Isolation Hospital in a Thresh's Disinfector.

## ACTION UNDER DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILK-SHOPS ORDER—

*nil*

## ACTION UNDER SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS' ACTS AND THE MILK AND CREAM REGULATIONS—

The Council is *not* a Local Authority under these Acts.

**VIII.—Public Health Staff.**

There is a Medical Officer of Health and a Sanitary Inspector, both of whom are Part-time Officers. There are no other Officers.

**IX.—Housing.**

Number of houses erected during the year :—

<i>a.</i> Total	2
<i>b.</i> As part of housing scheme	0

*I.—Inspection.*

1. Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Housing Acts)	9
2. Total number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations 1910	9

3.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
4.	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	0
<i>II. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices</i>		
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officers	9
<i>III. Action under Statutory Powers—</i>		
<i>a.</i>	Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919	0
<i>b.</i>	Proceedings under Public Health Acts	0
<i>c.</i>	Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, &c., 1909	0

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